This Conference begins the celebration of 100 years of the profession. It will focus on the rich history of these 99 years. We feel very fortunate in Wisconsin to be the host state and such an integral part of this very special celebration. In 2009 in Knoxville we will close the 100-year celebration and will focus on the future of the profession.

Conference Highlights:

Wednesday, June 18 pre-conference day:
Excursions (see the wafcs.org website for details and to register.) Many of these are opportunities not available to the general public. Wisconsin sponsored.
• See the Great Wall of China in Wisconsin
• Visit the Broadway Connection to Wisconsin
• Food Production in America’s Dairyland and NASCO
• Lake Geneva – A Glimpse at Wisconsin History and International Cuisine
• Clothing and Textile Excursion
• Food and Beverage Culinary Tour
• Garden Landscapes, Historic Communities, and a Taste of Home

Wednesday evening: International Event fundraiser for International Federation for Home Economics, Sprecher’s Brewery – Ticketed event

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, June 19, 20, 21
More than 30 peer-reviewed educational sessions — Outstanding keynote speakers • Elementary, secondary & adult curriculum • Showcase and Silent Auction • Gather top ideas from Teachers of the Year and other gifted educators.

“Research to Practice” rounds
Round table discussions of tried and true curriculum ideas – many handouts • Wall of History – Historical events of the profession prepared by each state • Research Posters – Educational research of graduate and undergraduate students

Special Events:
Expo – Thursday to Saturday: Visit many exhibitors. Get new ideas and receive free materials
Wisconsin Gala – Friday evening – A very special WI sponsored event celebrating the history of FCS. All conference attendees are invited. Dessert will be served. Fun and educational!!
Pacesetter Dinner – Saturday evening – This elegant evening and culminating event recognizes leaders in AAFCS and special award winners. It will also send us off to continue the celebration of 100 years until we reconvene in Knoxville in June, 2009. (A special evening to dress up and celebrate!)

Sunday Morning, June 22:
Though the conference officially ends Saturday evening, Wisconsin members will meet for brunch. This will be our opportunity to honor Wisconsin award winners and also celebrate the successful hosting of the national conference.

Sunday Afternoon:
The Milwaukee Brewers are playing at 1:00 pm. A number of members are planning to attend.

There will be a special registration for the Sunday events. For details and to register:
WAFCS: www.wafcs.org
AAFCS: www.aafcs.org

Wisconsin Association of Family & Consumer Sciences Newsletter

We encourage you to take part in this once-in-a-lifetime conference. Your membership in AAFCS will provide a break in registration costs as well as provide you benefits throughout the year.

We also have many opportunities for you to get involved in helping with the conference. This can be in a very small way or one of greater responsibility.

The conference provides excellent networking opportunities both with welcoming Wisconsin members and members across the US.

Post your school or district job openings on the Message Bulletin Board.

Early-bird registration ends April 1! (A significant savings!!)
Message from The President

In our last newsletter, I mentioned some of the “things” you’ll find in my office at work – wonderful sources of inspiration and special memories. I neglected to mention all of my lists – somehow one “to-do” list just doesn’t seem to be enough. And then there are the reminder notes, the post-it notes and the call slips – I think you get the picture!

Since these lists work so well for me, I’ve decided to use this column to make a “WAFCS/AAFCS To Do List” for you. So, here we go…

WAFCS/AAFCS To Do

✓ Join “Club 99”. To kick-off our 100th Birthday Celebration, WAFCS is raising funds for the Centennial Kick-Off Event, held Friday June 20th, 2008. Contribute $99 (that’s just $1 for each year AAFCS has led the way for FCS professionals) and you become a member of “Club 99”. Your $99 is an investment in the future of AAFCS and a “thank you” to AHEA/AAFCS members of the past. Your donation may be made to honor one of your FCS mentors or to challenge other FCS professionals. We need to raise $10,000 - $15,000 for this Kick-off event, so think creatively and get out your checkbook! “Club 99” members will be recognized at our Annual Meeting June 22nd. Look for more information on “Club 99” elsewhere in the newsletter.

✓ Register for the 2008 WAFCS Annual Meeting. On Sunday morning June 22nd, we will have our State’s Annual Meeting. Our breakfast meeting will include member recognition and awards, installation of new officers and a celebration of the AAFCS Conference successes! A registration form for this meeting is included in the newsletter.

✓ Speaking of registering, the April 1st Early Bird Registration deadline is fast approaching! Register for the 99th Annual Conference and Educational Excursions NOW! Conference registration material is found on the AAFCS Website at: http://www.aafcs.org/meetings/08/reg.html. Educational Excursions registration information is found at http://www.aafcs.org/meetings/08/activities/excursions.html

✓ Volunteer to help with the Annual Conference. We will be needing members to welcome our guests to Milwaukee and Wisconsin, introduce speakers, work at the information booth, collect tickets, assist with the Excursions…..let us know what you’d like to do!

✓ Join me in thanking all of the WAFCS members who have arranged the Excursions, secured materials for the program book, volunteered to make table decorations, raised funds, written news releases, served on planning committees and more – Thank YOU for making the 2008 Conference a wonderful event!

In this year of hosting the national meeting, you may be wondering, “is WAFCS doing anything else?” The answer is YES! Council members are busy with many things including…

• By-law updates – under the leadership of Past President Jennie Paulson, a committee is reviewing the By-laws and will be sharing recommendations later this spring.

• Awards chairs and committees have submitted outstanding nominations to AAFCS for the Leader Award, Teacher of the Year Award and New Achiever Award. We have also submitted nominations for the 21st Century Champion Award and Friend of AAFCS. We think we will have LOTS to celebrate in Milwaukee.

• Student members are working on the 2008 Annual Conference community service project, sewing school/book bags for children.

• Planning the 2009 State Meeting – under the leadership of Sterling Wall the 2009 meeting is being planned for Stevens Point.
Join Club 99....

Join the Wisconsin Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (WAFCS) in kicking off the centennial anniversary of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. Ninety-nine (99) years ago (1909), a small group of women and men met in Lake Placid, NY and created what became known as the American Home Economics Association. In 1992, the organization changed its name to the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS).

The organization’s 50th anniversary was celebrated in Milwaukee and people such as Frances Zuill (WI) were key leaders of the event. Wisconsin is fortunate to be hosting the 2008 meeting, June 18-22 again in Milwaukee, which means we have the opportunity to kick-off the centennial celebration.

Wisconsin has a rich history of its own. People such as Caroline Hunt who started the home economics program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Belle LaFollette were two of the 14 original members of the organization from Wisconsin. Throughout the years, members of the profession have made significant contributions empowering individuals to reach their potential, building strong families, and fostering viable communities. Our early leaders were concerned not only about individual families, but the policies that would be supportive.

Become a part of the kick-off celebration. Contribute $99 and you become a member of Club 99. The contribution will be used to help fund the gala which combines program and celebration activities. We have been fortunate to find a script that was developed in the 1970’s that has a small group of the original members sitting on a porch in Lake Placid sharing their hopes and dreams. Following this, a relative of Ellen Richards will offer insight regarding Ms. Richards. Five of the organization’s past presidents will identify achievements that have been realized over the 99 years. It is a time for celebration of our history. WAFCS is providing a setting for looking ahead throughout 2008-2009.

By April 1, please send your $99 check — Payable to WAFCS
Susan Turgeon
WAFCS Treasurer
816 Ingalls Road
Menomonie, WI 54751

For the 50th anniversary, Frances Zuill (AHEA President) said:
“The purpose is not to review history but rather to provide a setting for a long look ahead, to give encouragement and impetus to the search for improvements, new knowledge, and new directions. If the past helps to interpret the present and future, it is essential to examine some of the important steps that the Association has taken in order that future programs may be placed in proper perspective.”

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“Manage Your Membership”
By Sophy Mott Sr.
Member Relations Manager,
AAFCS

AAFCS’ has gone online! Now current members can sign-in to the Web Portal at http://www.aafcs.org/technology.html and “manage your membership.”

How to sign in: unless you’ve already changed your user name and password in your online profile, your “user name” defaults to your email address and your password is your AAFCS member # (found on your membership card. If AAFCS does not have your email address on record, then both your user name and password will be your AAFCS member #. Not sure what your member # is? Email membership@aafcs.org to find out.

Once you’ve signed in:
• Renew online! Members whose grace period for online renewal hasn’t expired have the option of renewing online. If you’ve received your renewal notice recently, save a stamp or phone call and renew online today!
• Create a profile if you’re a non-member and join online today!
• View and update your member profile online – if you’ve moved, or changed phone or email addresses, let us know so you can continue to receive news and publications from both your local affiliate and AAFCS.

Note: if you change your email address in your profile, your user name will remain as your former email address (unless you also choose to change your user name within your online profile.)
• “Opt-in” so that you’ll be included in the AAFCS online membership directory, scheduled to go online later this year.

Need to see if AAFCS has received our renewal payment? Need an invoice so you can receive re-imbursement from your employer for conference registration? Go to the “My Transactions” tab of your profile, and print an invoice for your records.

AFFCS has also launched its online Communities Web Portal. Accessible with the same user name and password as the Membership Web Portal, online Communities are a great way to maximize your membership! Once you “join” a Community online, you can participate in discussions, post documents and photos, add your contact info http://webportal.aafcs.org/9090/default.aspx -- you’ll be glad you did!

Friend of WAFCS Award

It is not too early to begin thinking of an individual, business, or organization deserving of our organization’s most prestigious award – Friend of WAFCS 2009. The form for filing your nomination is due January 1, 2009. Contact me for further information: Charmaine Rimple 920-754-4734 or crimple@msn.com.

Something to think about...

“From the broad view of intelligent statecraft, the state will find an education in home economics a tool of the utmost importance in building up forces which increase physical well-being of the population and which make for a reduction in the number of persons thrown back to the state for support by reason of physical, mental, or moral failure.”

Albert R. Mann (1930)
Dean, New York State College of Agriculture
Profiles

In an effort to connect with our enthusiastic and hard working new professionals, we will be featuring one member who is just starting his/her career in each issue of the WAFCS newsletter. This month’s interview questions were answered by Cara Scholke, a former WAFCS Student Unit State Officer.

Tiffani: How did you make the transition from school to your first job?

Cara: I was fortunate to have a required internship my senior year of college. The internship with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) allowed me to get a taste of what the real world was like on a smaller scale before I moved towards my first full-time job. I think one of the biggest challenges for me was adjusting to just having one job to focus on. In college, we run from class to a part-time job to school activities. One job seems like it would be easier; however, it is a large chunk of time to focus on a single activity. Sometimes the days seemed very long!

Tiffani: Describe the major responsibilities of your current job.

Cara: My job has changed quite a bit in the past three years. I started at the Greater Madison Convention & Visitors Bureau as the Convention Services Manager assisting convention attendees with hotel reservations and coordinating basic logistics for convention groups. My Director of Convention Services and Sports Sales Manager position now consists of working with meeting planners on a daily basis to coordinate all aspects of their event in Madison, as well as actively pursuing sporting events to come to the Madison area. In addition, I also oversee the Convention Services Department.

Tiffani: What interview tips worked for you?

Cara: I learned very quickly that I came across as monotone in my interviews. It is important to shake off any nerves you may have, and act like yourself. Personality is extremely important during an interview. Also, come prepared. Know the company and the job to the best of your ability.

Tiffani: What is your schedule like on a daily basis?

Cara: My schedule is never the same. One day I can be running between events helping them set up and resolving issues. The next day I can be at my desk responding to the mass of e-mails I receive from clients. What is great about my job is that I work with a variety of clients, which makes every day different. I can be working on a sporting event one day and an educational event another. Some days are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and some days never end!

Tiffani: Do you feel you were prepared by the university for the challenges of your job? In what areas will you need additional resources or training?

Cara: My program gave me a great foundation in preparation for my job. My program required us to do a lot of group learning and projects, which is similar to the real world, unlike having to take multiple-choice tests! The required internship for my program was extremely valuable. I truly believe I would not have my job today without that real world experience. I think there is always room for additional training. It is important to self-evaluate weaknesses and seek out opportunities for growth.

Tiffani: What are your future goals?

Cara: I have enjoyed working in the Convention Services Department, and I am now looking forward to my new opportunity in Sports Sales. I love sports and would like to eventually find a position with a sports organization where I can plan their tournaments and coordinate the team schedules. I think my new position at the Greater Madison Convention & Visitors Bureau will allow me to really understand the world of sports.

Tiffani: Who has been a mentor or source of inspiration for you?

Cara: My boss is an extremely driven person.
Assessing the National Standards for Teachers of Family and Consumers Sciences Education (NSTFCSE)

First I would like to take this opportunity to thank the FCS teachers that participated in the survey I sent out fall semester 2007. I surveyed 800 randomly selected FCS teachers in Minnesota and Wisconsin to appraise the current status of FCS education in Minnesota and Wisconsin, critique FCS teachers activities in relation to the national standards, and identify topics/issues that may indicate a disconnect between standards and practice.

268 surveys were returned (34% return rate). The majority of individuals that responded to the survey were female, 41 years of age or older, had a masters degree, and 40% of participants had 21 years or more of teaching experience. Both high school and middle school programs focus on nutrition, food handling and preparations, care giving of children, and interpersonal relationships. Middle school programs had more focus on career pathways and specific content areas. Classroom teachers are involved with curricular decisions and the majority use some sort of standards to design curriculum. Curriculum focuses on life skills and career skills; typically tied to content areas. Student assessment most often includes projects, labs and homework. Teaching strategies reflect assessment used as projects and were identified as two often used strategies. 54% of the participants have membership in a state professional organization and 63% attend professional conferences/in-services. Less than a third of participants indicated that their school had an FCCLA student organization.

The demographic survey information suggests that many participants are close to retirement and recruiting students to higher education teacher programs will be necessary to sustain FCS programs. FCCLA chapter numbers were limited and typically these activities have been one avenue to recruit students into higher education teaching programs. Higher education and the state DPI need to explore ways to help current instructors and students in teacher preparation programs engage students in FCCLA activities or start programs; aid FCS teachers in designing curriculum that integrates academic core skills within content areas. Membership in professional organizations and on-going professional development opportunities needs to be encouraged.

Again, thanks to everyone that participated in the survey. I had the opportunity to present the findings at the national Association of Career and Technical Education meeting on Dec 16, 2007 in Las Vegas, NV.

Submitted by Diane Klemme

Words to Remember

“Home economics should find its way into the curriculum of every school because the scientific study of a problem pertaining to food, shelter or clothing… raises manual labor that might be drudgery to the plane of intelligent effort that is always self-respecting… Home economics is not one department, in the sense in which dairying or entomology or soils is a department. It is not a single specialty… Many technical and educational departments will grow out it as time goes on.”

Martha Van Rensselaer (1913)
Professor of Home Economics and Co-Director of the New York State College of Home Economics
Change is a natural force, a constant and continuing phenomenon. It may come in regular, predictable cycles such as the changing of the seasons, erupt unexpectedly as do storms, or may be anticipated like the birth of a new baby. Just as the nature of change is varied, so are human responses and reactions to change.

At the organizational and social level, norms and beliefs that frame acceptable behavior, ethics, and group identity have great impact on the individual and collective mind-set through which change is perceived and interpreted. Understanding and acceptance of the ways people frame change is critical to the effectiveness and success of organizational change projects. Building that understanding and achieving that acceptance is a challenge facing leaders today.

Based on 15 years of research involving over 10,000 managers, Dangerous Opportunity: Making Change Work offers managers new insights into the different ways in which people react to change – their change styles, so they can lead organizational transitions more effectively. The book presents a four-stage change process model and provides a step-by-step outline to help managers lead change for meaningful improvement.

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**Book Review**

Dangerous Opportunity: Making Change Work
by Chris Musselwhite and Randell Jones

Change? Yeah, tell me about it.
I used to be a prince.

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**Titles**

A Thousand Splendid Sons  
Atlas: From the Streets to the Ring:  
A Son’s Struggle to Become a Man  
A Walk to Remember  
Between A Rock and a Hard Place  
Dead Run  
Dear John  
Food Politics  
For One More Day  
Inside Every Woman  
I Won’t Read and You Can’t Make Me  
Levi’s Will  
Memory Keeper’s Daughter  
Middlesex  
My Life as a Furry Red Monster  
My Sister’s Keeper  
One for the Money  
Population 485- Meeting Your Neighbors  
One Siren at a Time  
Second Nature: a Gardener’s Education  
Sleepless In America  
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan  
Sweet Charity? Emergency Food and  
The End of Entitlement  
The Active Life: Wisdom for Work, Creativity, Love and Caring  
The Botany of Desire: A Plant’s Eye View of the World  
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime  
The Devil in the White City  
The Omnivores Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals  
The Pacr: A Love Story  
The Persian Pickle Club  
The Red Tent  
The Re-Enactment of Everyday Life  
The Unsettling of America: Culture & Agriculture  
The Yada Yada Prayer Sisters  
Three Cups of Tea  
Truck: A Love Story  
Two for the Dough  
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Fast Facts

Registration
Early Bird Full Registration Rates
(valid through April 1, 2008)
AAFCS Member (non-Student) $365*
AAFCS Student Member $99
Nonmember $449

*Full AAFCS Member registrations (except Student) purchased by May 15th include one ticket to the Centennial Pacesetter Dinner.
Register today at www.aafcs.org/meetings/08/reg.html.

Conference Program
Beginning Thursday morning, the conference program offers more than 30 educational sessions, keynote addresses from technology experts, special Centennial sessions and events, juried showcases and displays, “Research to Practice” Rounds, as well as many other opportunities to network and advance your professional development.

Keynote Speakers
June 19, 2008
Opening General Session Speaker
Dr. Douglas Gentile (Invited)
Assistant Professor of Psychology, Iowa State University
Director of Research, National Institute on Media and the Family

June 20, 2008
Second General Session Speaker
Sheryl Nussbaum-Beach
Adjunct Instructor of Educational Technology, College of William and Mary
Technology and Education Consultant

Expo
Learn about new FCS products and services, win great prizes, browse the AAFCS Bookstore, and attend book signings, poster sessions, and learning labs. The Expo will be open Thursday evening and all day on Friday and Saturday.

Educational Excursions
Enhance your conference experience by taking one of seven diverse educational excursions on June 18, coordinated by the Wisconsin Association of Family & Consumer Sciences. There is a separate cost for these excursions, and they are subject to change. Visit www.aafcs.org/meetings/08/activities_excursions.html for details and a registration form.

Housing
Hilton Milwaukee City Center
509 West Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  53203

Attendee Room Rate: $135 (single or double)

Call 1-800-HILTONS and ask for the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences Annual Conference attendee rate. To receive the attendee room rate, make your reservation by midnight (11:59pm ET) on May 20, 2008 (subject to availability). The link to online reservations and more info is available at www.aafcs.org/meetings/08/hotels.html.

Midwest Airlines
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FCS Professionals needed to evaluate WI FCCLA STAR Event Competition
Monday, April 21, 2008-Green Lake, WI from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

From April 20-22, 2008, the WI Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Conference will be held at Green Lake Conference Center. One important and exciting part of this conference is student participation in the STAR Events program. On Monday, April 21st, we need at least 125 people to evaluate the students’ projects. The evaluator orientation meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and judging should be finished by approximately 2:30 p.m.

The gold medalists from the six regional meetings will compete at the State Leadership Conference. The students receiving the first place award at the state conference will compete at the 2008 National Meeting. Events include:

National and State Events
Applied Technology
Career Investigation
Chapter Service Project (Display or Manual)
Chapter Showcase (Display or Manual)
Culinary Arts
Early Childhood
Entrepreneurship
Fashion Design
Financial Planning
Focus on Children
Hospitality
Illustrated Talk
Interior Design
Interpersonal Communications
Job Interview
National Programs in Action
Parliamentary Procedure
Recycle & Redesign

State Events
Child Services Lesson
Elderly Services
Employee Portfolio
FCCLA Creed Speaking
Fashion/Housing Display
Food Garnish and Presentation
Pastries and Baked Goods
Prepared Speech
Wisconsin STAR Project

If you can be a STAR event evaluator or have questions, please contact Elaine Staalnd, WI FCCLA Foundation Volunteer Action Chairperson, at wifclafoundation@charter.net or 608/273-3885. We need your assistance. Thank you for your consideration.
AAFCS Tours 2008
June 18, 2008

Tour A: See the Great Wall of China in Wisconsin

Explore 36,000 square feet of dynamic design concepts for the kitchen and the bath at the world famous Kohler Design Center. You will start the day with an abbreviated tour of the production factory where porcelain products are made. Then on to the design center which serves as a resource to thousands of architects, builders, designers and consumers as they plan for family housing needs. In addition to the latest in kitchen, bath and furniture all done in room settings, you will have an opportunity to learn of the history and diversity of the Kohler Corporation and also view art work in ceramics, cast iron, and brass. That Great Wall of China can be found in the Design Center. Lunch will be in The Wisconsin Room of The American Club, the only 5 star resort and restaurant in Wisconsin, also featured on the National Register of Historic Places. You will have a served lunch and as time permits, an opportunity to stroll their wonderful gardens and gift shop. After lunch we will visit Waelderhaus, a German designed “house in the woods” that was built as a replica of the Kohler ancestral home in Austria. On our way back to Milwaukee, we will also make a stop at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center in Sheboygan where the bathrooms are a “must see” as you tour this modern Art Center. Comfortable closed toe walking shoes are a must.

Cost: $75
PDU’S: 3 • Time frame: 8:15 am to 3:15 pm

Tour B: Visit the Broadway Connection to Wisconsin

Ten Chimneys Estate is a gem of the Midwest. Well known Broadway performers, Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne, established this get-away in the little town of Genese Depot. Each room of the elegant three-story, 18- room main house is crafted as if it were a stage with historic furnishings, hand painted murals, personal décor, tender mementos and diverse collections still intact and unchanged since the 1920s and 1930s. Visit the guest bedrooms of such famous guests as Noel Coward, Katherine Hepburn, Helen Hayes, Eleanor Roosevelt and Laurence Olivier. Rumor has it that Lynn’s couture gowns, sewn by her, will be on display beginning in May of 2008. This tour includes lunch at Ten Chimneys and time to explore the nearby historic downtown district of Delafield, home of the Lang Folk Art Company.

Cost: $75
PDU’S: 6 • Time frame: 8:00 am to 5:30 pm

Tour C: Food Production in America’s Dairyland and NASCO

This tour showcases three southeast Wisconsin businesses. Crave Brothers Dairy and Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese in Waterloo have received international awards for their family farm management, energy-saving and earth-friendly technologies and tasty artisan cheeses. On the way to the farm we’ll discuss how food producers in Wisconsin are adapting their practices to meet consumer demand. After a tour of the farm and cheese factory you will have demonstrations and lunch in the cheese plant’s tasting kitchen. Following lunch we’re off to Fort Atkinson to Nasco International, where they offer 30 mail order catalogs with more than 65,000 products for consumers, educators, nutritionists, health care providers, researchers, agriculturists, and more. Enjoy the tour, see a demonstration, and browse the Nasco outlet store’s large selection of arts and crafts and FCS products. A quick stop at the Hoard Historical Museum will show local pioneer history and explain how Wisconsin became America’s Dairyland.

Cost: $75
PDU’S: 6 • Time frame: 8:00 am to 5:30 pm

Tour D: Lake Geneva - A Glimpse at Wisconsin History and International Cuisine

This all-encompassing tour captures the history of the Walworth County area. Tour stops include Kikkoman Foods, Geneva Lake Cruise Line, and Lake Geneva Museum of History as well as time for shopping. Japanese owned Kikkoman Foods believes in “Flavors That Bring People Together,” and the company is devoted to promoting international cultural exchange. During the one-hour tour, you will explore the processing portion of the world’s largest soy sauce plant. Relax on a Geneva Lake Mansions Tour of historic homes via boat with lunch served on the boat. The Lake Geneva Museum of History was founded in 1983. Museum attractions include farm implements, assortment of businesses essential to the family, home life in the late 1800’s, and a Marine gallery. No visit to
Lake Geneva would be complete without time to explore the shopping of downtown Lake Geneva. Art galleries, confections, dining, fashion, gourmet food and wine, and jewelry await you as you stroll through downtown Lake Geneva.

Cost: $75
PDU’S: 3 • Time frame: 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

**Tour E: Clothing and Textile Excursion**

Begin your day with a trip to Nancy's Notions in Beaver Dam. Nancy Zieman began her career at her kitchen table and has built her passion into a multimillion-dollar business that includes her TV show, “Sewing with Nancy.” Experts at Nancy’s Notions will share the current trends in the industry and answer any questions as you browse through rows of beautiful fabrics and notions. Lunch will be served during this part of the tour. Wouldn’t it be great to see Nancy? Our tour continues with a stop at Olympus Flag & Banner in north Milwaukee where you will see state of the art printing, construction and finishing abilities. Olympus is the largest producer of mascot costumes in the U.S. and their printing capabilities allow them to make unique, out-of-the-box projects of all kinds. Then on to Canvasbacks for a tour of the design studio, construction department, and the retail store that feature Betsy Horsfield's latest clothing collection designed for 'the confident woman that wants to have a little fun.'

Cost: $75
PDU’S: 4 • Time frame: 7:30 am to 5:30 pm

**Tour F: Food and Beverage Culinary Tour**

Have you ever wondered how they can serve prime rib done to perfection, juicy, pink and flavorful? Start your day at Alto-Shaam which was incorporated in 1955 by Jerry Maahs who after 13 years in the restaurant industry focused on the development of food service equipment which uses a patented process called HALO-HEAT. The HALO HEAT method is achieved with a thermostat controlled, low density thermal cable, wrapped throughout the walls of the cooking or holding cavity. This principle of uniform heat distribution is applied, to the greatest extent possible, in a complete line of specialty ovens and serving equipment. Alto-Shaam manufactures HALO HEAT Low-Temperature Cooking, Holding, and Serving Equipment for hotels, restaurants, institutions and supermarkets. Come for an amazing tour of their company to learn how this process works. A chef demonstration by their 2 executive chefs will include ample tasting as they show us how their equipment cooks meats, fish vegetables and more.

Continue your day with a stop at the famous Miller Brewery where you will see how beer is made- the chemistry- and watch the full operation followed with tasting (be sure to have your ID ready).

End your day at the Milwaukee Public Market where the staff will meet you and discuss why the market was built and it plans for the future. After the short presentation, shop at your leisure for Wisconsin Chocolates, cheeses, produce, meats, bakery and coffees.

Cost: $55
PDU’S: 4 • Time frame: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Tour H: International Night of Fun & Learning with IFHE**

Sprecher Microbrewery (voted one of the best small micro-breweries in the US) will be the location of a fun filled evening on June 18th sponsored by the IFHE-Development Fund. Join in this evening of fellowship, learning, and fund raising to support grants and other international work. The festivities will include ample tasting as they show us how their equipment cooks meats, fish vegetables and more.

**Why Attend the AAFCS Conference in Milwaukee, June, 2008?**

"Surpassing Learning Opportunities"

(Wednesday, June 18, pre-conference day: WI sponsored Excursions)

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, June 19, 20, 21
• More than 30 peer-reviewed educational sessions
• Outstanding keynote speakers
• Elementary, Secondary & Adult Community – Curriculum Showcase and Silent Auction
• Gather top ideas from Teachers of the Year and other outstanding teachers
• “Research to Practice” rounds
• Round table discussions of tried and true curriculum ideas – many handouts
• Wall of History – Historical events of the profession; prepared by each state
• Research Posters – Educational research of graduate and undergraduate students

**Expo** – Thursday to Saturday: Visit many exhibitors

**Wisconsin Gala** – Friday evening – Celebrating the history of AAFCS Pacesetter Dinner – Saturday evening – Honoring award winners

**Sunday Morning, June 22 – WAFCS brunch**

Volunteers Needed!

If you plan to attend the AAFCS Conference in Milwaukee, there are many opportunities to help either in a small or larger way. Contact Janet Powell, Local Arrangements Chair, janetmpowell@svglobal.net, 608-271-0776 and I will forward your name to the Volunteer coordinators. Volunteering gives you ownership, pride and a real sense of belonging! I look forward to hearing from many of you.
Bell Ringing

by: Katie Gerczak

Even though the weather outside was frightful, it didn't stop the few brave souls of our SPAFCS (Stevens Point Association of Family Consumer Science). Even during the busy and stressful holiday season the community members of Stevens Point were gracious and willing to donate to a great cause, The Salvation Army. Our organization's purpose is to help prepare students for family-life, work-life and careers in Family and Consumer Sciences. Volunteering is one of the ways we help prepare. December 7, 2007 at the location of Copps Grocery Store on Highway 10, Amanda Russell, Ashley Zeh, Karissa Swenson, Elizabeth Newman, Gretchen Mueller, Katie Gerczak and Brittany Biffert rang bells in shifts to help the Salvation Army. It was a great feeling at the end of the day to know you helped fill that little red bucket, just by being friendly and ringing a bell. Brittany Biffert had the night shift, “I think it helps being so cold outside and that we were standing outside ringing, freezing our toes off, I think the people felt bad for us.” Ringing bells for the Salvation Army is just one of the many opportunities for volunteering within the community. I would encourage students to look for some way to give back to their school or community. The satisfaction is worth your time.

Establishing the field of family and consumer science

One of the first to champion the economics of running a home was Catherine Beecher (sister to Harriet Beecher Stowe). Catherine and Harriet both were leaders in the mid 1800s in talking about domestic science. They came from a very religious family that valued education especially for women.

The Morrill act of 1862 propelled domestic science further ahead as land grant colleges sought to educate farm wives in running their households as their husbands were being educated in agricultural methods and processes. Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois, Minnesota and Michigan were early leaders in offering programs for women. There were women graduates of these institutions several years before the Lake Placid Conferences which gave birth to home economics movement.

The home economics movement started with Ellen Swallow Richards, who was the first woman to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology and later became the first female instructor. Through her chemistry research she became an expert in water quality and later began to focus on applying scientific principles to domestic situations. At the Chicago World’s Fair in 1893, she designed the Rumford Kitchen, which was a tiny kitchen that served nutritious meals to thousands of fair goers, along with a healthy dose of nutrition education.
Sunday, June 22, 2008

The WAFCS annual meeting will be held following the AAFCS Conference in Milwaukee. The AAFCS annual conference agenda does not allow time for us to meet as a state group during June 19-21; therefore, the WAFCS council has recommended that the state annual business meeting with award presentations and recognition be held Sunday morning, June 22, 2008 meeting.

Location: Hilton Milwaukee City Center

Time: 7:45 - 8:30 a.m. BRUNCH
     8:30 – 10:30 a.m. meeting

Cost: $15.00 for Students and $25.00 for all other registrants.

Program:

1. Business of WAFCS
2. Recognition of Awards/scholarships/travelships
3. “It’s a Wrap” – Celebrate the conclusion of a busy, exhilarating, year of preparation for the AAFCS conference in Milwaukee.
4. Installation of new officers for 2008-2009

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April 12, 2008
Council Meeting

June 18 – 22, 2008
AAFCS 99th Annual Conference
Hilton Milwaukee City Center
Milwaukee, WI